Draft DAT Conference Call Summary 12/09/08

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Recommendations and Conclusions

Only one Chinook was taken at Chipps Island during the monitoring period. No species of concern at the fish facilities. The December fall mid-water trawl is underway, and should be completed by 15th of December. No operational changes were recommended at this time.

Next DAT conference call Tuesday, December 16th 0900-1100hrs. 916 657-4111

Chinook Monitoring

Upper Sacramento River

Red Bluff Diversion Dam (Reporting from 01-07 December):

Older juvenile Chinook passages Winter run 452 fish/day, Late fall 80 fish/day, and Fall 1,305 fish/day.

Younger juvenile Chinook passage Spring run 945 fish/day.

Steelhead passage was 13fish/day.

Average daily flow at Red Bluff was 4,499 cfs.

FWS posts biweekly reports on the Bay-Delta and Tributaries Project website, at http://baydelta.ca.gov/Php/Special_Reports/red_bluff.php

Mill Creek / Deer Creek: No report available this week.

Butte Creek: No update

GCID: Older juvenile catch total 27 (~4 fish/day). Younger juvenile catch total 11 (~2 fish/day)

Knights Landing: No Salmon since 24 November 2008.

Delta Monitoring:

- 1 Chinook caught in Chipps Island MWTR (116 mm, DNA Sampled).
- 1 longfin smelt was caught in Chipps Island MWTR on 3 December (101 mm)
- 3 delta smelt were caught in the central delta seine (63, 65, 69 mm) at Sandy Beach

Salvage (Reporting from 01-07 December):

No species of special concern at either facility.

(A few threadfin shad, American shad, and striped bass)

Delta Smelt Monitoring:

No new data to report. The December fall mid-water trawl is underway, and should be completed on the 15th of December.

The November delta smelt index was 12.

The November longfin smelt index was 43.

Operations

SWP

Clifton Court Fore bay 1,000 cfs Oroville 950 cfs X2 > 81km E/I 30% San Luis 239 taf of 439 taf

CVP

Tracy PP 1,800-1,900 cfs

DCC Open since 26 November

Trinity 300 cfs Clear Creek 200 cfs Keswick 3,750 cfs Nimbus 1,000 cfs

Flows

Sacramento River at Freeport 7,341 cfs San Joaquin River at Vernalis 1,147 cfs Rio Vista 2,751 cfs; 7 day average 3,129 cfs Delta outflow 3,918 cfs daily average; 7 day projected at 4,305 cfs

Delta Water Quality

Projects Operations continue to monitor water quality in Central and South Delta. Delta Cross Channel Gates project to remain open through the end of the current phase of Salmon Out-migration Study on 12-12-08.